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Greetings, Neighbors. Sorry to be slow on blasts. Two big reasons. First, so many of you are calling and coming by, we're doing a lot of news sharing face to face—just what Deer Park Neighbors is all about. Second, we've been busy with graduation—and congratulations to all our graduates. We've proud of our young people. So, as they say, if we had more time, we'd write a shorter letter.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

>>Monday, June 16, 7pm, the Barn, PUBLIC HEARING on village appropriations. We've posted the agenda, the administrator's memo AND the approved budget. A public hearing means YOU GET TO ASK QUESTIONS. All docs on our front page, <http://deerparkneighbors.com> <<http://deerparkneighbors.com>> . So print out the documents, read through the budget and come to the Barn. **YOU GET TO ASK DIRECT QUESTIONS AT A PUBLIC HEARING, but only if you're there.**

>>Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 pm, Kildeer village hall, Concorde Banquets is on the agenda. They are still looking to building a huge outdoor venue.

We'd like the owners of Concorde to come see the Vehe Property. There was a big outdoor wedding a couple of weekends ago (photo on our site). Beautiful balcony overlooking the lawn. Why not let Concorde be our rentor, and hold their outdoor weddings on the Vehe property!

Also, there are special rates for Deer Park residents (for birthdays and club activities). Homeowners associations can use the Barn for free for meetings. This would be a great location for bridge clubs, yoga, music classes, parties. Another reason to come to a meeting; really get a good look at the place.

#### RECENTLY

Last month, the regular board meeting was simply amazing, for two reasons. First, the

residents from the Old Farm area turned out in great numbers, with all their kids. They started with a pizza tailgate party in the parking lot, and brought the kids upstairs to hear comments and suggestions about funding the Old Farm park (which was passed). These children had the wonderful example of their parents' exercising their constitutional right to free speech.

The second amazing thing is that the question of Vehe funding just doesn't go away. Nor do the ongoing costs. You will see on the agenda for tonight's—up to \$14,000 for un-budgeted drainage and grading of the property). On and on, things not done, things done badly, things needing to be re-done.

The grading has to be fixed. How will it be funded? We don't think that the Foundation will pay for it, although it has been their "dream" to create this campus. Or will the board cut something from the approved budget. Or—will the board let the cash balance fall below the "magic number" of \$1,000,000. Look at the budget paper. The projected CASH ON HAND for the April 2009 is almost \$450,000 LESS than April 2008. In other words, the check book is bleeding.

Two big issues remain in front of you, the CITIZENS of Deer Park. You're going to hear about a referendum for the full 1% sales tax. (But is this the board you want to give more money to?) And you're going to hear continued calls for a FINAL ACCOUNTNG on the Vehe project.

See a letter ot the editor in the Daily Herald: <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=203557> or type "President Gifford" into the search engine on that site.

## AROUND THE TOWN

We've had a lot of fun with people dropping by with their mower blades for Al to sharpen. Offer is still open; just give us a call to let us know approximately when you'll be coming. 847-867-1867. No charge, just a chance to help a neighbor and have some conversation. We do encourage more of you to take a subscription. \$36.50 a year. We need YOUR support to expand our networking. Our business sponsors continue to grow.

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Speaking of our sponsors. Would you believe it? Our sponsors have been threatened and intimidated. Certain individuals actually take the time to call or visit our sponsors and say, “Hey, you shouldn’t be on the Deer Park Neighbors web site. We don’t like what they stand for, and we’re going to take our business away from you.”

You don’t like our web site? Don’t read it! Or set up your own web site and get some real work done. It should be obvious (and is posted), advertising on our web site doesn’t mean you agree with all content; it just means you value the visitors who are attracted to our site.

Most recently, one of these people called a major health care organization—one that is merely listed as a local resource, not a sponsor, and complained of their being listed on our site.

So, are we going to let this kind of foolish interference bother us? No, not a bit. But we are going ask YOU, our subscribers and supporters, to make that extra effort to patronize our sponsors, and wherever you go in Deer Park, remember to say, “I’m a Deer Park Neighbors, and together, we are stronger!”

## LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Summer, bright skies, longer days, school’s out. Please, please, please, everyone, slow down 5 mph. And stay very alert to children playing, bike riders and inexperienced drivers, especially backing out of driveways and driving around parking lots. Really, 5 mph slower—what would that cost you at the end of a day? Deborah’s daughter is in town, and called her mother “Speed Limit Lady.” Yeah. Well, it’s an easy way to contribute to a kinder, gentler world.

We have a lot more cut through traffic right now, due to the ongoing construction at Dundee and Northwest Highway. The drive across Long Grove Road between Town Center and Promenade (Dick’s) is also dangerous. People are simply shooting across with very little clearance. Now with that fence just west of DPTC’s drive on LGR, frankly, visibility is much worse.

Deborah is a bit more sensitive to all this, having taken a “ride along” with Officer Rundall of the Kildeer Police. What a wonderful opportunity to see our cops at work. Here are the things she learned (and is happy to discuss in more detail with anyone by phone or email).

- This force really cares about Deer Park. When they are at work, the two villages are equal in their minds

- These people know our village inside and out; the neighborhoods, what cars belong (and which don't), who needs an extra look-see, what's going on at the two malls, the staff and the customers. They immediately recognize if a situation isn't "usual," and respond. In other words, the Kildeer police "have our backs."
- Huge opportunity for breaks in into YOUR car and YOUR garage, if you don't lock your car, park it in your driveway, and CLOSE your garage door. A dark exterior is another invitation. So turn on the lights. GPS units, the rare metals in emissions systems, and whatever can be reached quickly through an open garage, day or night.
- People are insanely careless on left turns—blowing red lights regularly. We'll have red light cameras soon, as will Kildeer and other communities, but our careless driving habits will cause a disastrous accident.
- Our police are greatly at risk when they pull over another vehicle. Those flashing red/blue lights are a signal to you: slow down, and watch for police who may be near the roadway. Yes, of course, the police will "relocate" a stop whenever possible. But pass with care.

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